

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in reply to the Notice of Allowability dated January 7, 2005. Amendments to claims 55-56 and 77-78 have been made to correct minor grammatical/typographical errors. It should be noted that these amendments do not raise any new issues, and are thus suitable for entrance by the Examiner after allowance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312. Furthermore, the amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims, and are not being made for reasons related to patentability.

The purpose of this paper is also to request an initial copy of the 1449 form for the Information Disclosure Statement filed via facsimile along with a Request for Continued Examination on September 17, 2004. Applicant has never received an initialed copy from the Office. Applicant also notes that a copy of the 1449 form in the image file wrapper is signed by the Examiner, but the reference cited thereon is not initialed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the cited reference and return a copy of the 1449 form with the reference initialed to confirm such consideration. For the Examiner's convenience, a clean copy of the 1449 form is enclosed herewith.

Applicant also wishes to note for the record the substance of the interview conducted with the Examiner on December 15, 2004. In the interview, the undersigned discussed potential claims that would overcome the art cited by the Examiner. Agreement was reached with respect to these claims, which are set forth in the Examiner's Amendment accompanying the Notice of Allowance. Applicant also noted to the Examiner that Applicant was not surrendering canceled subject matter, as Applicant intends to file a continuation application to pursue this subject matter.

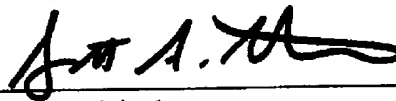
Consideration of the aforementioned Amendments and Remarks are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, or which might

otherwise further this case onto allowance, the Examiner may contact the undersigned at (513) 241-2324. Moreover, if any other charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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